

KCC 4767 (K-C 17,080)
PATENTREMARKS:

This letter is responsive to the Office action dated August 28, 2003. Claims 1-15 are hereby withdrawn from consideration.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Office action requires restriction to one of the following:

Group I - Claims 1-15, drawn to A Disposable Absorbent Article; and

Group II - Claims 16-29, drawn to A Method for Securing.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group II, corresponding to claims 16-29, without traverse, for continued prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-15 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

II. Election of Species

The Office action further requires an election from among the following species:

- 1) stretching, engaging and contracting loop material;
- 2) engaging and activating by heat loop material; and
- 3) engaging and contracting or retracting temporary inhibited loop material.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect species 1) above "stretching, engaging and contracting loop material," for further prosecution.

Within the elected Group II claims, claims 16-20 and 24-27 read on the elected species.

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Respectfully submitted,



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